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Inventory No:	EAS.82
Historic Name:	
Common Name:	
Address:	805 Massasoit Rd
City/Town:	Eastham
Village/Neighborhood:	North Eastham
Local No:	05-186
Year Constructed:	c 1860
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	No style
Use(s):	Single Family Dwelling House
Significance:	Architecture
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	
Building Materials(s):	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood



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FORM B - BUILDING

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Assessor's
Number

05/186

USGS Quad

Orleans

Area(s)

Form Number

82

Town

Eastham



(neighborhood or village)

805 Massasoit Road

ic Name

Present Residential

Original "

f Construction c. 1860?

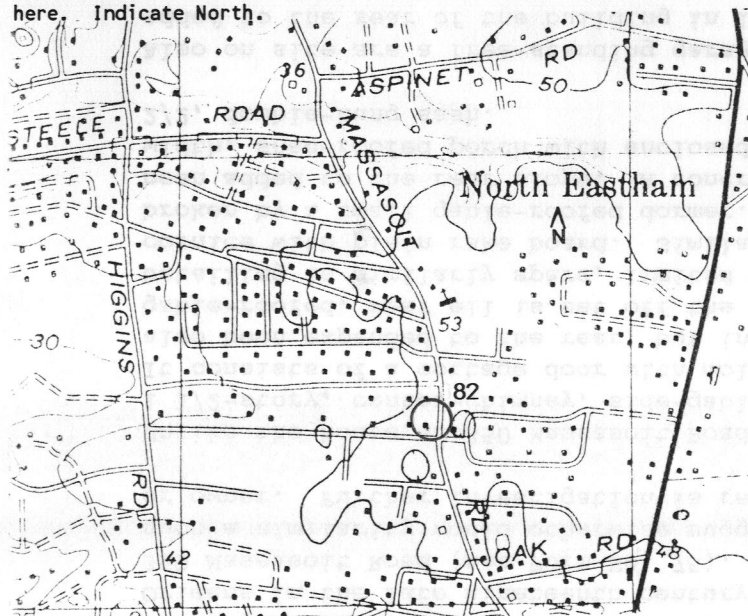
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Form Center-chimney, Side-gable
House Form

ect/Builder

or Material:

here. Indicate North.



Foundation Not Visible

Wall/Trim Shingles

Roof Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures
Garage, Shed

Major Alterations (with dates)

Condition Good

Moved ___ no X yes Date 1888

Acreage .4 Acres

Setting Located in a moderately-settled,
rural area on the NW corner of the
intersection of Baywood and
Massasoit Roads.

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BUILDING FORM

805 Massasoit Road

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Although deed research indicates this house was moved to this site from Orleans in the late nineteenth century, it is very similar to that at 350 Massasoit Road (see Form No. 75). Since it is not a common house form, such a similarity would otherwise suggest construction by the same builder or owner. Further investigation is required to resolve this point.

Unlike the house at 350 Massasoit Road with a off-center entry, this 1 1/2-story, center-chimney, side-gable, 3 x 1-bay, house has a center entry. It consists of a cottage door with molded-trim surround. The main block has also been expanded to the rear, but in a different fashion. Here the 1-story, gable-roofed, rear ell is set off the southwest end of the rear elevation. Detailing is similarly spare, limited to end boards and a more-prominent cornice with plain rake board. Similarly, the front slope of the roof is broken by a small gable-roofed dormer. In this case, two dormers have also been added to the rear slope. A concrete base has been added to the full-width, shed-roofed porch with enclosed rail. Fenestration consists of 2/2, double-hung sash.

Also on site are a free-standing garage and a free-standing shed. A deck was added to the rear of the building in 1975 by owner Lillian Harvey.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE X See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Massasoit Road was developed during the Federal Period (1775-1830). By the end of the Federal Period, Methodists had established a campground near Campground Road off Massasoit Road. This center for summer religious retreats lasted from 1830 to 1862 when the camp moved to Yarmouth. By 1831, one of Eastham's five schools and many residences were located on Massasoit Road.

It is likely that many of the residents were involved in agriculture. Grains were an early cash crop in Eastham and later, asparagus and turnips became more common. Husbandry and fishing were also important sources of income for Massasoit Road residents. By 1901, at least seven farmers were living on Massasoit Road. There were also a clerk, lighthouse keeper, laborer and a grocer. A provisions store was located on the corner of Oak and Massasoit Roads. By the twentieth century, the road had become an important way from Orleans through Eastham to Wellfleet. Seasonal residents had begun building summer homes and cottages by the Early Modern Period.

According to deed research by owner, Lillian M. Harvey on file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives, this house was built in Orleans. The date of construction recorded in assessors records is 1860, but the basis for the determination is unknown. The simplicity of the house makes dating it from

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES X See continuation sheet.

 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

its exterior appearance difficult, but does not rule out that date. Allen T. Gill, a surfman at Nauset Beach, who evidently inherited the house from his father, Thomas K. Gill, moved it to Eastham in 1888.

The report of the chain of title is incomplete. Additional deed research is necessary to provide more information. After 1912, the owners were Mehitable and Harold Arnold who are not referenced in local, secondary sources.

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